

INTRODUCTION OF KOFI ANNAN
RESOLUTION

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution calling for Kofi Annan to step down as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Under his stewardship, the U.N.'s Oil for Food Program has become one of the largest scandals in world history. Saddam Hussein was able to dodge U.N. sanctions, embezzle billions of dollars intended for humanitarian aid, and strengthen his brutal rule of the Iraqi people—all under the cover of this U.N. program.

As a Member Nation that funds nearly a quarter of the U.N.'s annual budget, it is the United States' right and responsibility to press for a full accounting of this international embarrassment. Our government must help make certain the U.N. maintains the confidence and respect of the international community.

With evidence mounting of bribery throughout U.N. leadership, it is imperative that Kofi Annan resign as Secretary-General so all current charges can be fully and independently investigated. These allegations of corruption and mismanagement have irreparably undermined Mr. Annan's credibility and his capacity to head the U.N. He should step down.

HONORING NASHVILLE'S INTER-
DENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS'
FELLOWSHIP ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to one of Nashville's foremost community organizations, the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship, on the event of its 50th anniversary on December 8.

Since its creation, the IMF has been a pre-eminent voice for social justice and change. It

has worked tirelessly for the betterment of all of Nashville's citizens but especially as a champion for the voiceless and disadvantaged. The leaders of the IMF have long played a vital role in the life of Nashville, and its members include many of the most prominent and active of Nashville's citizens.

As many of my colleagues know, Nashville has a long and proud history of community activism. Nashville played a central role in the historic struggles of the civil rights movement, and it was out of this transformational period in our nation's history that the IMF was born. The organization first grew from the wake of the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*. This original group included leaders from a host of religious faiths and denominations, including the Seventh Day Adventist, the Church of Christ, the Church of God, the Episcopal Church, Islam, Baha'i and the Salvation Army.

Over the past five decades, the IMF has established itself as a leading advocate for social justice. It has tackled every issue from racism to employment to education. One of its most significant achievements has been to establish the Trust Fund for Students of Historical Black Colleges and Universities, which has provided annual scholarships to numerous students over the years.

The passion that IMF members have brought to their mission is truly inspiring, and few groups can better demonstrate the transformational power of grass-roots commitment and activism. It is with great honor and pride that I recognize the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship for the work that its members have done and will continue to do for the city of Nashville. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District, I thank the IMF for its achievements and congratulate this organization on its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DOROTHY
FINLEY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my entire constituency in District 7 and all of

Southern Arizona I would like to congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Finley on her receipt of the 2003 Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award. Though this award is a crowning achievement presented to a person who demonstrates exceptional patriotism and humanitarian concern for members of the U.S. armed forces or their families, this honor exemplifies only the tip of the iceberg when looking at Mrs. Finley's contribution to our community and State.

Even before becoming President/CEO of Finley Distributing, a wholesale distributor for Miller Brewing Company, Mrs. Finley was working to build and develop our community one individual at a time by serving as both a teacher and principal in the Tucson Unified School District for over 30 years. The stories of Mrs. Finley's kind and generous acts range from privately making donations for worthy projects to driving students to after school activities when parents were not available. Mrs. Finley embodied, during her time in education, the ideal friend, teacher, principal, and mentor.

Today as a leader in our Tucson business community and as a focal point in Arizona industry and politics, Mrs. Finley is still making her mark by serving on countless non-profit boards advocating for a variety of causes ranging from children to seniors. She represents business and other groups on local and statewide commissions and still finds time to work tirelessly for Davis-Monthan Air Force base and other mainstays of our Tucson economy. She accomplishes all of this while running a major business in Tucson and staying close with her large and wonderful family.

As the Congressman from District 7, which represents much of Southern Arizona I am proud to congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Finley on her 2003 Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Award and I look forward to working with her on building community for years to come.